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TAGS: PFOR, VE

SUBJECT: VISIT OF LUERS AND EINAUDI TO VENEZUELA

REF: DEVINE/ASENCIO TELECON

1. WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ACCOMPANYING PRESIDENT ON VISIT TO MEXICO, CHARGE CALLED ON ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER JOHN RAPHAEL TO DISCUSS SUBJECT VISIT. RAPHAEL WELCOMED CONCEPT OF VISIT BUT HAD TROUBLE WITH APRIL 1-2 DATES. HE EXPRESSED STRONG PREFERENCE FOR APRIL 3-4 SINCE FOREIGN MINISTER WAS NOT RETURNING UNTIL MONDAY MARCH 24, CABINET MEETING WAS ANTICIPATED FOR MARCH 25 AND REST OF WEEK WOULD BE WASHED OUT BY HOLY WEEK HOLIDAYS. MINISTRY NEEDED DAYS OF MARCH 31-APRIL 2 TO PREPARE VENEZUELAN SIDE FOR TALKS HE SAID. WE RECOMMEND THAT APRIL 3-4 BE ACCEPTED.

2. FOLLOWING PROGRAM EMERGED IN PRINCIPLE DURING CONVERSATION:

(A) WORKING SESSION AT FOREIGN MINISTRY TO BE CHAIRED BY RAPHAEL WITH PARTICIPATION OF REPRESENTATIVES OF MINISTRY OF FINANCE, CORDIPLAN, ICE, MINISTRY OF STATE FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF MINES AND HYDROCARBONS. RAPHAEL ASSUMED THAT U.S. SIDE WOULD BE PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE FINAL COMMUNIQUE OR STATEMENTS AND WE CONCLUDE THAT RAPHAEL AT LEAST SEES MEETING AS HIGHLY SUBSTANTIVE.

(B) WORKING LUNCH HOSTED BY VENEZUELAN SIDE.

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(C) COCKTAIL PARTY FOR APPROXIMATELY 100 COUPLES HOSTED BY CHARGE ON EVENING OF APRIL 3. EMBASSY IS DRAWING ON FILES AND COLLECTIVE MEMORY FOR FORMER PRINCIPAL CONTACTS OF DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LUERS. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS AND IN VIEW OF INTERVENING HOLIDAYS WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION OF DATE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

(D) COURTESY CALLS ON FOREIGN MINISTER, MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS.

3. RAPHAEL PROMISED FIRM SCHEDULE BY MARCH 24 OR 25. SUGGEST THAT ANY WASHINGTON INPUT BE TRANSMITTED TO ARRIVE EARLY MORNING MARCH 24.  
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